

Series 34 - British Household Panel Survey

Description: The main objective of the British Household Panel Survey (BHPS) is to further understanding of social and economic change at the individual and household level in Britain, and to identify, model and forecast such changes and their causes and consequences in relation to a range of socio-economic variables. It was designed as an annual survey of each adult member (aged 16 years and over) of a nationally representative sample of more than 5,000 households, making a total of approximately 10,000 individual interviews. The same individuals are re-interviewed in successive waves and, if they leave their original households, all adult members of their new households are also interviewed. Children are interviewed once they reach the age of 16; there is also a special survey of household members aged 11-15 included in the BHPS from Wave 4 onwards (the British Youth Panel, or BYP). From Wave 9, two additional samples were added to the BHPS in Scotland and Wales, and at Wave 11 an additional sample from Northern Ireland (which forms the Northern Ireland Household Panel Study or NIHPS), was added to increase the sample to cover the whole of the United Kingdom. For Waves 7-11, the BHPS also provided data for the European Community Household Panel (ECHP). Further information about the BHPS can be found on the ISER/ULSC BHPS web pages (<http://www.esds.ac.uk/longitudinal/access/bhps/L33196.asp> and <http://www.iser.essex.ac.uk/ulsc/bhps/>).

- **Available years:** 1991-2006 (Waves 1-16)
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Universe: Originally adults in England (later extended to UK); broadly representative in later waves.

Sample size: 5000 households (10,000 individuals) at Wave 1.

Methods: Face-to-face interview; Telephone interview; Self-completion.

Sample: Two-stage stratified systematic sample.

Fieldwork: Sep-Apr/May 1992/3 - 2005/6 (Sep-Jan 1991/2).

Geography: Region/Metropolitan Area (Standard Region, distinguishing former Metropolitan Counties and Inner and Outer London).

Access: SN 5151 (combined dataset).

Alcohol consumption

Consumption: frequency (4wk frequency (young people 1995-1998, 2005)).

Single occasion: n/a.

Other drinking

- Drinking location/source (Frequency of going for a drink in a pub/club (1996, 1998, 2000, 2004, 2006))

Other alcohol variables

Health status and behaviour:

- Mental health (High)
- Self-reported health (High)
- Smoking (High)
- Drugs (Medium)

Other variables

- Leisure (High)
- Caring (High)
- Personality (High)
- Political opinions (High)
- Victim of crime

Demographics

- Material quality of life (High)
- Income (High)
- Household type/composition (High)
- Employment (High)
- Education (High)
- Ethnicity and religion (High)